

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 9th, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- I think I would be grossly remiss if, for today's prophecy update, I didn't address the horrific shooting rampage in Tucson Arizona.
- Yesterday, a 22 year old man killed six people and wounded 13 others one of which was US Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.
- I would like to look at something that we may or may not hear about in the days that lie ahead, and that's the story behind the story.

Early this morning, The HeraldSun.com had an interesting article titled - Arizona shooting suspect may be linked to anti-Semitic group

- The suspect being held over Saturday's shooting of US Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords may have links to anti-Semitic race hate group American Renaissance. An internal Department of Homeland Security memo quoted by the FOX News Channel revealed the gunman - named by the media as Jared Loughner, ...- is "possibly linked" to American Renaissance. The group subscribes to an ideology that is "anti-government, anti-immigration, anti -ZOG (Zionist Occupational Government), anti-Semitic," according to the DHS memo. Giffords "is the first Jewish female elected to such a high position in the US government. She was also opposite this group's ideology when it came to immigration debate," the note said.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/breaking-news/arizona-shooting-suspect-may-be-linked-to-anti-semitic-group/story-e6frf7jx-1225984713213>

Zechariah 12:2-3 NIV "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. (3) On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

- I had planned to look at what could arguably be one of the weirdest things to ever happen in recent memory. The bird and fish deaths.
- I'm sure you've all heard about the mysterious deaths of thousands of birds falling from the skies, and fish washing up on the shore.
- This is unprecedented and it's seemingly getting worse as each day brings more bad news about these happenings all over the world.

Last Thursday, January 6th, The Star had an article with the headline reading; 40,000 crabs join slew of animal-death mysteries - First, it was birds falling from the sky, then thousands of dead fish washing up on shore. Now, more than 40,000 Velvet swimming crabs have wound up dead on England beaches. ...Meanwhile, about 50 [jackdaw](#) birds were found dead Wednesday on a street in Stockholm, Sweden. A veterinarian investigating the incident told the Associated Press their cause of death is unknown but that there were fireworks in the area Tuesday night. ...On Tuesday, [450 birds](#) plummeted to their deaths in Louisiana for apparently no reason. ... On New Year's Eve, more than [3,000 red-winged blackbirds](#) inexplicably fell from the skies in Arkansas. Officials have acknowledged it is unlikely they will ever determine a cause. Wildlife experts just west of where the blackbirds were found are still trying to figure out why [100,000 drum fish](#) washed up on the shores of the Arkansas River.

<http://www.thestar.com/news/world/article/916503--40-000-crabs-join-slew-of-animal-death-mysteries>

Also on Thursday, January 6th, there was this from the website Metro West New York, which I thought was very interesting; 2012: Arkansas birds fall from the sky. Is the end near? We are on the front door of the doomed 2012 end of the world phenomena. While I am sure it all crossed the minds of folks on New Years Eve, I am sure it especially caused concern for folks in Arkansas when thousands of birds fell from the sky. So has the apocalypse begun? Well, who knows what the future holds and I know that there are many out there who will be reading heavily into every major event from now until the beginning of 2012. For instance, we've had rapid changes in weather and have experienced some of the worst storms, could this be a sign again of the apocalypse? There is no doubt that this topic is extremely popular, Hollywood has made many feature films about it and folks flock to the library to read up on Nostradamus and what the Mayans have to say about the end of the world. Volumes of people are even cracking open the Holy Bible and heading to church in preparation of the end of the world. So what can we expect as 2012 looms. Well I think if the world will end we'll see signs of it throughout this year well into the next. Regardless, time will tell. Are you ready?

http://www.metrowny.com/blogs/archives/287-2012_Arkansas_birds_fall_from_the_sky._Is_the_end_near.html

- I find it interesting that these mysterious events as of late are causing people to revisit what could be in store prophetically in the future.
- We don't know what the future holds, but we do now Who holds the future. When we don't know, we can fall back on what we do know.
- What we do know is, this sounds eerily similar to a prophecy found in the book of Revelation as it relates to the seven year tribulation.

Revelation 8:8-9 NIV The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, (9) a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.